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SUBJ: FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT: DENIAL OF POLISH VISAS TO AMERICAN
CITIZENS

1. ON AUGUST 23, DURING A MEETING WITH MINISTERIAL
COUNSELOR ROMAN BROZ OF THE MFA'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT,
THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR COUNSELOR RAISED THE FOLLOWING
INSTANCE OF POLISH DENIAL OF VISAS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS.
HE DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE
THE CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN EACH CASE:

- A. LLOYD MORRISON - SEE STATE 196245
- B. ANNETTE VELEZ - CONGRESSMAN MAGUIRE
- C. BRONSILAW CZARNOCHA - SENATORS JAVITS AND
MOYNIHAN
- D. SOPHIA J. BOGUSLAWSKI
- E. HENRYKA FELDMAN
- F. RYSZARD WILKIEWICZ
- G. PAUL TIEFENBRUN
- H. IRENE KRAJEWSKI GODWIN - SENATOR CRANSTON AND
CONGRESSMAN BOB WILSON
- I. SAMUEL H. ABRAMSON - SENATOR JAVITS
- J. LEON D. WEISSMAN - CONGRESSMAN ADDABBO
- K. HENRY SKOLINOSKI

2. MR. BORSZ SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THIS MATTER OF VISAS
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TO FOREIGNERS WAS CLEARLY A QUESTION WITHIN THE INTERNAL
COMPETENCE OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT, HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD
REVIEW THESE CASES. IN CASES OF REAL
"HUMANITARIAN" SITUATIONS, I.E. VERY ILL AND AGED
FAMILY IN POLAND, THERE WAS A GOOD LIKELIHOOD THAT THE
VISAS MIGHT BE ISSUED.

3. HE THEN ASKED THE EMBASSY OFFICER TO EXPLAIN WHY THE UNITED STATES "SELECTED SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF THESE REFUSALS TO REPRESENT TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. COULD IT BE THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS TRYING TO EMBARRASS THE POLISH GIVERNMENT?

4. THE EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT THE USG DID NOT SEEK OUT CASES OF THIS TYPE TO RAISE WITH THE POLISH AUTHORITIES. HE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN CASES OF REFUSAL OF POLISH VISAS CAME TO OUR ATTENTION WE RAISED WORTHY ONES WITH THE GOP. HE ASKED BROSZ TO TELL WHAT SPECIAL CATEGORIES THE USG SEEMED TO BE PREFERRING. WHEN BROSZ MERELY SMILED AND REFUSED TO COMMENT, THE EMBASSY OFFICER SAID THAT THE USG MADE NO DISTINCTION WHATSOEVER IN THE TYPES OF CASES OF THIS CHARACTER WHICH IT RAISED IF THEY INVOLVED SITUATION WHERE AMERICAN CITIZENS SEEMED TO HAVE PROBLEMS WHERE THE USG COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE, WE WOULD RAISE THE CASES. BROSZ THANKED THE EMBASSY OFFICER FOR THE INFORMATION ON HOW THE USG DEALT WITH SUCH CASES.
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